

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/17

HUMAN SOURCES COMMITTEE (HSC)*

(Effective 5 June 1974)

1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, the Human Sources Committee (HSC) is hereby established as a standing committee of the United States Intelligence Board.

2. Mission

The mission of the Committee, under the general guidance of the Director of Central Intelligence, is to advise and assist the DCI in the discharge of his responsibilities for the efficient allocation and effective use of community resources for the collection of positive foreign intelligence information through human sources.

3. Functions

The functions of the Committee are:

a. To provide a focal point in the Intelligence Community for examination of problems and possible improvements in human source collection and for the provision of recommendations to the DCI related thereto.

b. To provide a forum for collaboration and coordination among human source collection agencies with emphasis on the allocation of effort and responsibility for the satisfaction of intelligence requirements susceptible to human source collection and on the evaluation of end products.

c. To assist in the review and evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of human source collection activities and to make recommendations to the DCI for improvements or modifications thereof.

d. To recommend or sponsor research, experimentation and training in techniques, procedures and equipment to increase the effectiveness and responsiveness of human source collection.

* This Committee supersedes the committee of the same name established by the DCI on 26 January 1973 (USIB-D-27.7/1) for a one-year trial period.

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4. Community Responsibilities

Upon request of the Committee Chairman, USIB departments and agencies shall furnish to the Committee within established security safeguards particular information or materials needed by the Committee and pertinent to its functions.

5. Composition and Organization

a. The Human Sources Committee will consist of a Chairman designated by the DCI, designated representatives of the chiefs of departments and agencies who are members of USIB, and representatives of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, the Director of Naval Intelligence, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force. The Chairman may invite a representative of the chief of any other department or agency having functions related to the national security to sit with the Committee whenever matters within the purview of that department or agency are to be discussed.

b. The Committee may be supported by subcommittees as approved by the DCI and ad hoc working groups as approved by the Chairman. The chairmen of subcommittees will be designated by the Chairman with the concurrence of the DCI. Membership on the subcommittees and ad hoc working groups need not be limited to member agencies of the committees, but may be extended by the chairmen to representatives of other departments and agencies having related functional responsibilities or support capabilities.

c. The Committee will have a secretariat to be provided by the Central Intelligence Agency or a full-time support staff to be provided by USIB departments and agencies as arranged and approved by the DCI.

6. Rules of Procedure

a. The Committee will meet upon the call of the Chairman or at the request of its members. Items may be placed on the agenda of the Committee by the Chairman of USIB, by the Chairman or by any member of the Committee.

b. Decisions or recommendations will be formulated by the Chairman with consideration given to views of the members. At the request of a dissenting member, the Chairman will refer the decision or recommendation along with dissenting opinion or opinions to a higher level as appropriate.

c. The Committee shall exercise primary responsibility with respect to matters herein assigned to it and shall coordinate with other committees established by DCIDs in areas of joint concern. It will not review the operational details or internal management of the work of the individual departments and agencies.

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d. Any department or agency is authorized to withhold the exposure of sensitive situations from the Committee, reporting such matters directly and privately to the DCI for his further guidance.

e. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Chairman, USIB, and USIB as appropriate.

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